



U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney
Southern District of New York

October 17, 2023

VIA ECF

The Honorable John P. Cronan
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: *Reclaim the Records et al., v. U.S. Dep't of State*, 23-cv-01650 (JPC)

Dear Judge Cronan:

This Office represents the U.S. Department of State (the “Government” or “State Department”) in the above-referenced action brought under the Freedom of Information Act. We write to respectfully request a 45-day extension of the current briefing schedule for the Government’s motion for summary judgment.

The reason for this request is that the State Department needs additional time to put together its declaration and materials in support of its motion. The proposed extensions are also necessary to allow new counsel to acclimate to this matter, as the undersigned is set to be out of the office for maternity leave beginning in early December. The Government therefore proposes extending the briefing schedule as follows:

- Deadline for the Government’s motion for summary judgment extended from November 1, 2023 to December 18, 2023;
- Deadline for Plaintiffs’ opposition to the Government’s motion extended from December 13, 2023, to January 29, 2024; and
- Deadline for the Government’s reply to Plaintiff’s opposition extended from January 12, 2024, to February 26, 2024.

This is the Government’s first request for an extension of the summary judgment briefing schedule. Plaintiffs consent to the Government’s request.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

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The request is granted. The Government shall file its motion for summary judgment by December 18, 2023. Plaintiffs shall file their opposition by January 29, 2024. The Government may reply by February 26, 2024.

SO ORDERED.

October 18, 2023

New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Cronan", written over a horizontal line.

JOHN P. CRONAN
United States District Judge